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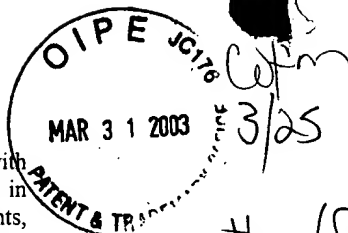
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AMENDMENT

Mr. Walsh:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002 for the above-identified patent application, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

Please amend the Brief Description of Figures on page 2 as follows:

Figure 1 is a cutaway view of a spindle nut locking system;

Figure 2 is a front view of a spindle nut retainer;

Figure 3 is a side view of the spindle nut retainer; and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of an alternate embodiment of the spindle nut retainer.

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